NATURE'S GREAT WALL.

THE PALISADES AND WHAT MAN HAS DONE TO DESTROY THEM.

BEAUTIFUL CLIFFS DEFACED BY QUARRIES AND WOODED SLOPES DENUDED OF TREES BY RUTHLESS HANDS—THE PALISADES COMMISSION AND WHAT IT HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH.

Among the natural beauties of this country one of the foremost is the great wall of rock which forms the west shore of the Hudson River from Edgewater, nearly opposite General Grant's tomb, to Piermont, a distance of about fifteen miles, and which is known as the Palisades.

At Edgewater the bluff is tot directly on the river front, but at Fort Lee and for miles north the rocks abut directly on the water, in the shape of a perpendicular cliff, which, if it were in Colorado or Newada, would be known as a canyon. The cliff varies in height from 200 to 550 feet, and is fringed at the base by a slope of fragments of broken rock, covered with a dense growth of foliage. except where it has been stripped for the parpose of breaking away the stone, by vanishes for a perpendicular cliff, which, if it were in Colorado or Newada, would be known as a canyon. The cliff varies in height from 200 to 550 feet, and is fringed at the base by a slope of fragments of broken rock, covered with a dense growth of foliage. except where it has been stripped for the parpose of breaking away the stone at the base of the frame, called the first which its known as the Palisades, and to the frame of the base of the health of the Palisades of the known as the Palisades, and to the frame of the base of the Palisades and to the frame.

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a bouquet of roses and lilles of the valley. tume of green and tan. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack, the Misses Jack, Mrs. Amanda Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNamara, Henry Hunt, Walter Young, Bentley Lanfear, William Klingenberg, John Dykes, Miss Ella Fisher, Miss Jessie Crowen, Allan Roberts and the Misses Wilson. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Henry celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday night. Witsch, Mr. and Mrs. Darby, Dr. and Mrs. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Seguine, Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, Dr. R. T. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Reid, Mr. and Mrs. McEwan, Congressman McEwan, the Rev. and

JERSEY CITY

WORLD.

CRAWFORD-INTERESTING MEETING OF THE

ODD VOLUMES CLUB-SEVERAL CHURCH

Miss Margaret Jane McIlhiney and Frederick Ra-

Last Wednesday afternoon the Odd Volumes held Last Wednesday afternoon the of Mrs. Marshall, in its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Marshall, in Bergen-ave. The club is pursuing a course of read-

Mrs. J. A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson, Miss Jennie Moore

The Jersey City Club will have a dance on Friday evening next. It will be the first of a series contemplated for the coming winter. The star held last Friday was well attended, and an excellent programme was presented.

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The Paims Club gave its first ladies' night' of the cason Thursday. The ladies were present in large umbers and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A series of subscription dances will be given at love Hall during the winter by the young society blk. Mrs. E. F. C. Young, Mrs. E. L. Young, Mrs. William Bumsted and Mrs. Throckmorton are the atronesses. The Chautauquan Club has been organized by a

The Chautauquan Club has been organized by a number of indies who will make a specialty of the study of American history. The ladies are Mrs. John L. Scudier, Mrs. W. W. Varick, Mrs. Willard Fisk, Mrs. David Hishop, Mrs. Spencer Weart, Mrs. Thomas Hinds, Miss Lela Hinds, Miss Louise Edge and the Misses Scudder.

Mrs. John Mehl entertained a few friends recently on the occasion of her twenty-fifth birthday. A kaffee klatsch and a pink tea were enjoyed.

A delightful musicale was held Tuesday night at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Hilton, No. 111 Oceanave.

Thesday evening.

Fairs are very popular this winter, at least half a dozen being in active operation. The ladies connected with the Linden Methodist Episcopal Church are working to clear their church of debt, and for that end have opened a fair in the lecture-room. Io the Lafayette Lutheran Church the ladies are conducting a fair, the proceeds of which will go toward erecting a new building. The annual fair of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopai Church, in Hoboken-ave., was opened on Weonesday night. talus, and geologists as well as lovers of the beautiful agree in saying that its preservation is essential to the maintenance of the cliff.

The Palisades are formed of basalt or trap, an igneous rock which is of volcanic origin. They were formed, geologists contend, by bursting up in a semi-moiten condition through the layers of sandtione which formed the bottom of the primeval clone which formed the bottom of the primeval formed the bottom of the primeval seas. The sandstone, which formed a cover for the volcanic mass and pressed it into form, was ground away by time and by the action of the great glaciers which, in the ice period, came from the

At the annual meeting of the Union County Road-

elected: President, Dr. C. B. Holmes; vice-president, C. F. S. Mitchell; secretary, J. Lewis Martin; captain, A. H. Chamberlain; first lieutenant, E. B. Slater; second lieutenant, H. T. Smith; color bearer, J. L. Young; bugler, H. C. Wilson. This is Dr. Holmes's fifth term in office, and Captain Chamberlain's fourth. After the election, refresh-

ments were served in the clubhouse.

A meeting of Rahwack Tribe, No. 165, I. O. R.

Thursday night.

The cantata of "Esther, the Beautiful Queen" was given at the Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Jeremiah Connors and Miss Lillian McTierney were married at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday afternoon, Father Bogan officiating.

NORTH HUDSON.

Mannsfield's Hall, Guttenburg, was the scene of chocolate cigars. Dencing followed. a pretty fair on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It was held under the auspices of clety will give its ninth concert at the First Regregational Church, of Guttenburg.

The Holy Name Society of St. Laurence's Roman Catholic Church, Weehawken, recently elected the following officers: President, John O'Donnell; vice-president, Thomas Connaughton; secretary, Patrick Rock, jr.; sergeant-at-arms, James Powderly; collector, Andrew Neenan.

The Garffeld Club, of West Hoboken, gave a

smoker Saturday night at its rooms, Charles-st. the truckh

A successful fair has been in progress for the last week at the First Baptist Church. Union Hill.
Rapid sales of fancy and useful articles brought
satisfaction to the occupants of the tastefully-arranged booths. A few articles remaining unsold
will be disposed of at auction a few days before
Christmas.

will be disposed of at auction a rew mays below. Christmas.

Mr. John Korn, of New-York, and Miss Pauline Kress, of John-st., West Hoboken, were married last Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Schoppe, of Jinion Hill, officiated.

The Aristo Tennis Club, of West Hoboken, is arranging to give an invitation reception at Pohlmann's Pavillon, Jersey City Heights, January 21.

PLAINFIELD.

exhibition during February, and the following com-mittee are arranging for the display of New-York, Helen French, of Boston, and Rev. Sherrad Soule, Baltimore and Plainfield exhibitors: G. A. Audsley, J. E. Stewart, Harold Serrell, J. Hervey Doane, George Taggart, H. H. Coward, G. Thorn

The Brown Union Giee, Banjo and Mandolin Club will give a concert at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Saturday evening, December 28. The concert will be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The death of Assistant December 28. The concert will be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The death of Assistant Postmaster George C. Godown early in the week was a severe shock to the younger men in town, among whom Mr. Godown was popular and regarded as a rising spirit. He was born in Limeport, Penn., in June, 1860, and

was first employed in the Plainfield postoffice in 1882. He was unmarried. The following officers have been chosen by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Church of Christ for the ensuing year: President, Charles H. Lewis; vice-president, Miss Mabel Wilson; corresponding secretary, Miss Ella Hand; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Sutton; treasurer, Mrs. Lou-Wilson; organist, Miss Mabel Benner; assistant

organist, Mrs. B. W. Hand; chorister, H. Van Middlesworth. At the last of Mrs. Isaac L. Miller's "at homes" for this season, Mrs. Miller and Miss Miller were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Howard Fleming. Mrs. John Gray Foster and the Misses Dalsy Shepard, Gertrude Baker, Annie K. Miller and Marion

Bowen. Mrs. A. D. Shepard's second "at home" on Tuesday afternoon was attended by a large number of society people residing in this city, as well as by many well-known New-Yorkers, among whom was William D. Howells, Mrs. Shepard and Miss Shep-

William D. Howells. Mrs. Shepard and Miss Shepard were assisted in receiving by Miss Meade, a sister of Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. John Douil Miller, the elder daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Shepard, at the chocolate table, Mrs. J. Kirkland Myers, at the tea table, and the Misses Edith Smalley, Anna Miller and Emma Schoonmaker.

The following are the newly elected officers of Winfield Scott Post No. 73, G. A. R.: Commander, I. L. McVoy; senior vice-commander, F. M. Whitely, Junior vice-commander, F. M. Whitely, Junior vice-commander, W. R. Moore; quartermaster, Andrew Cox; surgeon, William Hand; chaplain, J. A. Goodwin; officer of the day, W. C. Smith, sr.; officer of the guard, S. C. Terry, sr.; council of administration, J. E. Siewart, William Hand, Charles Graves, W. C. Smith, sr.; delegates to Department Encampment, Andrew Cox, J. N. Bogart; alternates, F. M. Whiteley, Christopher Harden.

The annual election of officers of Anchor Lodge.

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The annual election of officers of Anchor Lodge No. 149, F. and A. M. was held Tuesday evening. Those elected were: C. C. Howard, W. M., W. A. Coddington, S. W.; J. E. McClintock, J. W.; J. E. Turrill, treasurer: T. A. Rogers, secretary: trustees, W. A. Freeman, H. R. Knox, P. A. Emmons: Masonic Hall representative. J. A. Smith; alternate to Grand Lodge, L. Dennis.
Plainfield Council No. 711, R. A., on Monday night elected officers to serve during the coming year. They are: Regent, Henry C. Adams: vice-resent, M. L. Bullock, orator, Murray Burtis, past regent, and Adrian M. Rea; secretary, F. J. Pope; collector, Elbott Burr; treasurer, D. W. Littell; chaplain, Edward C. Pease; guide, J. E. Townsend; warden, Charles Roberts; sentry, James K. Arnold; trustees, A. W. Rand, F. S. Green, A. W. Kleinecke; medical examiner, George W. Endicott, M. D.; representative to Grand Council, Adrian M. Rea; alternate. P. A. Emmons.

NEWARK.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE SOCIAL THE USUAL DEARTH OF AMUSEMENTS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

THE WEDDING OF MISS MILHINEY AND MR. RECEPTION BY THE MONTAGUE SOCIETY-ANNUAL ELECTIONS IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

> -TOPICS OF INTEREST IN SOCIAL CIRCLES. tea in the main classroom on Thursday. Miss Edna the tables, assisted by the Misses Young, Schultz, Moore, Cavilzel, Ledwith and Douglas. A musical Ruth Spencer, Sinclair, Stevens, C. Brookfield and Miss Kachler. The Montague Society has one hundred members and is literary in character. It meets

officers last week preparatory parade at Trenton. Captain H. L. T. Vreeland has Jefferson, Adjutant; John E. Stagg, Paymaster; S. Atwater, Judge Advocate; William A. Bambridge, Inspector, and the following aides-de-camp Hayward A. Harvey, W. B. Atwater, Seymour S Roe, Charles Munson, H. L. Jenkinson, Frederic C. Frugntzel, Harry M. Marsh and H. S. Faulkner.

The election of a permanent major was laid over intil after the January parade. The membership s now 1st. The Lancers will probably be the only uniformed organization in the parade, and will act is escort to the Republican County Committee. as escort to the Republican County Committee.

The regular monthly social meeting of Philitscipona was held on Friday at the club's rooms in Wissner Hall. It was "Oratory Day" for the club and the meeting was in charge of Miss Francisca L. Macintosh, the chairman. The Rev. Phoebe Hanaford, president of the club, read a paper on "Women Orators," and Miss Nattie Currier one on "Pulpit and Public Orators." Short sketches of the lives of Henry Clay and Daniel Wobster were lead by Miss Tichenor and Mrs. J. M. Fisk, followed by a reading by Dr. Ellen E. Mines and Miss Corlies. Many New-York women were present.

The Schubert Vocal Society sang Mendelssohn's oratorlo, "St. Paul," on Thursday evening in the Grand Opera House, to a large audlence. The artists were: Mms. Xippora Monteith, soprano: Mme. Helens Von Doenhoff, contraite; Leonard E. Auty, tenor, and Gyilym Miles, bass. The chorus work was good.

To-morrow evening the December meeting of the Executive Committee of the Essex County Christian Endeavor Union will be held in the Hill Street Methodis: Protestant Church. The line of study to be adopted will be explained by the Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, superintendent of the union Bible study department. The plan will be illustrated by a class which has taken the course under Mr. MacCauley's direction.

direction.

The Republican Club held its annual meeting Thursday night in the clubhouse in Park-ave. Congressman Parker presided. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President. John A. Miller: vice-president. Samuel A. Smith; treasurer, Malcolm McLear; secretary, J. R. Salmon; Board of Governors, two years, A. C. Courter, Alfred F. Skinner, Joseph W. Avery, Frank C. Wilson; one year, A. W. Bruy.

At the men's mass-meeting to be held in Associa-tion Hall at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. Charles H. Dodd, pastor of the Peddle Memorial Church, of this city, will speak. At this service the colored singers of New-York will sing sacred songs, Mrs. Lyon, the leader, is a member of the Creole Quartet. A large orchestra and chorus choir will lead the singing.

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The revival services which were begun by the Women's Christian Temperance Union with an all-day prayer-meeting on Thursday, December 5, have continued with great liberest. A number of persons have been converted and signed the pledge of total abstinence. Prominent ministers have addressed large audiences. The meetings will continue another week. On Wednesday the Rev. Mr. Ryder, of the Union Street Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak, on Thursday, the Rev. D. H. Martin, of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, on Friday, the Rev. Mr. Hopwood, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church. To-day the services will be at 4 and 7.50 p. m.

The annual meeting of the West End Club was

Miss Cora Edmunds and William F. J. Townlin, both of Bayonne, were united in marriage several evenings ago by the Rev. George F. Horr, pastor

The Misses Tierney, of No 200 Avenue D, enter tained a party of young ladies one evening last week at a tea given in honor of Miss Mary Dwyer. "ladies' smokers" was given by the fashionable Newark Bay Boat Club in its cosey quarters in Thirty-fourth-st, on Monday evening. Through clouds of sweetly flavored tobacco smoke puffed from corncob pipes by the men, those pres-ent enjoyed a first-class professional vaudeville The ladies were furnished with

Next Thursday evening the Bayonne Musical Soer's cantata, "The baughter of Jairus, solos, part songs and instrumental selections by a quartet from Seldi's orchestra.

The congregation of the First Reformed Church is discussing the project of a new church. The present single is not capable of accommodating the rapidly-increasing membership of the church. Columbia Hook-and-Ladder Company No. 3 celebrated the twelfth anniversary of its organization on Wednesday evening with a smoking concert at the treathouse.

on Wednesday evening with a smoking concert at the truckhouse.

The onlef social event of the week was the fair of the New Jersey athietic Club. Bayonne society flocked to the pretty clubhouse on Tuesday evening, when the enterprise was inaugurated. It was expected that the occasion would be graced by the presence of Governor-elect John W. Griggs, but at a late moment it was found that he could not attend. On James E. Sullivan, president of the club, devolved the duty of setting things in motion, which he did in an excellent manner. The Imperial Russian Orchestra was present every evening and discoursed popular airs. The officers of the ladies fair committee are as follows: Mrs. L. H. Burnett, Miss Eliza Humphrey, vice-president; Miss Inez Coleman, secretary; Miss Cora Green, treasurer.

GLEN RIDGE.

Miss Butt, of Boston, is the guest of her cousin, The Plainfield Camera Club will hold a loan art shibition during February, and the following comwhibition during February, and the following comMiss Helen Goodwin, of South Bethlehem, Penn.: of Naugatuck, Conn., have been visiting the Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Goodwin for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mapes have returned from an

ENGLEWOOD. There was a delightful musical entertainment at

the Englewood Field Club on Friday evening. This was followed by an informal dance, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The patronesses were Mrs. Horace L. Congdon, Mrs. William E. Tillinghast, Mrs. John E. Curran, Mrs. John R. Duniap, Mrs. Frank Enos, and Mrs. Dwight A. Jones. Interest in the contemplated trolley line which would go through Englewood was well shown at a tecent meeting of the Englewood Township Committee, when John E. Miller, a well-known lawyer, incompanied by Leon Abbett and William M. Burrows, the two latter representing the Bergen County Traction Company, submitted a petition for a franchise in Englewood Township. The petition was ubmitted, and a resolution by the Township Committee was passed that the subject he brought up and discussed at the meeting on January 7. Congdon, Mrs. William E. Tillinghast, Mrs. John

DALY GIVES A DINNER FOR VOORHEES. State Senator William D. Daly, of Hudson County gave a dinner at his home in Bloomfield-st., Ho-boken, for State Senator Foster M. Voorhees on boken, for State Senator Foster M. Voornees on Friday night. Among the guests were William A. McAioo, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; State Senator John Hinchliffe, Mayor Peter F. Wanser, of Jersey City; Major Henry Lohmann, of the 4th Regiment, National Guards of New-Jersey; Assistant Prosecutor Joseph M. Noonan, of Hudson County; ex-Judge Dayton, Judge E. T. Paxton and School Trustee Henry Hess, of Hoboken.

MORE TIME FOR THE JERSEY CITY VIADUCT. Chauncey M. Depew, as president of the New-Jersey Junction Railroad Company, signed an agreement yesterday with Jersey City extending the st. Jersey City, to the Heights. The viaduct should have been completed, by the original contract, on November 1. Under the new agreement the city will have until January 1, 1887, to complete the work. The viaduct crosses the property of the railway company. time for the building of the viaduet on Thirteenth-

A VETERAN KILLED IN ARLINGTON.

Joseph Collins, a veteran of the civil war, seventy years old, was struck by a New-York and Greenwood Lake train at the Arlington Station yesterday morning, and died as a result of his injuries. The accident happened within fifty feet of the spot where George Helm, the twelve-year-old boy, was beheaded on Wednesday night last.

GUARDING A STREET FROM SEIZURE. A committee of the Citizens' Association of the Lafavette district of Jersey City was guarding Pacific-ave, the leading thoroughfare of the city, yes-terday, as the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has laid tracks on both sides of the street and it was believed the company intended seizing the street to complete the branch line.

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A NAILED-UP TOWN.

The Frelinghuysen Lancers elected military ABBURY PARK WHEN THE SUMMER VIS-ITORS HAVE GONE.

> THE RESIDENTS, LIKE THE ANTS, WORK IN SUM-MER AND ENJOY LIFE IN WINTER-WRECKS

A summer resort in the summer and the same places, if the paradox may be pardoned. The change of seasons brings a change of scenes. Should you by any chance visit in midwinter your favorite August resort, or return to it at any time between October and April, there is a strong probability that you would begin at once to cast about any event you would be startled by the unfamilia not to say uncouth, appearance of the place. If it happens that your summer resort is a seashore town, it is altogether probable that your disappointment will be keener than if you have been in the habit of passing your summers in some mountain fastness or by an inland lake.

resort. Being perhaps the liveliest in the hot season, it furnishes the sharpest contrasts as the cently went down there on business described it as having a "nated-up appearance." when the largest hotels close their season. After a few days' airing, these big wooden houses, with their tiers of verandas and their mathematical ing-put in cold storage, as it were. Some of the larger hotels remain open through September, and most of the smaller houses entertain dwindling par ties of guests throughout that month; but by the first week in October the entire seaward section of the town presents a decidedly nailed-up appear-

At this time of the year there is hardly an inhabited house within a quarter-mile of the ocean at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove—the district most for one to walk the entire length of the boardwalk, with eyes wide open, and behold no living being. To all appearance that side of the town the careful landladies, upon leaving in the fall, inside, to serve as barricades against the pos-

occur where so many buildings are left unoccupied. Occasionally a landlord returns in the spring to trict, who leave their houses without a watchman, are required to pay a higher rate of insurance than year round. Some of the hotel men go to Florida, where they conduct winter resort hotels, and thus fill out the year; but the majority, in the language

ceptions and balls. With the halfs and the chared sociables and the fairs, the young people and plenty of divertion.

On Sundays the population appears in best bib and tucker, goes to one of the numerous churches which are open all the year, returns home and eats dinner, and then saunters down to the beach in the afternoon, if the weather is fair; and if the weather is foul, and there is any prospect of a storm, the population brings forth its rubber boots, its rubber coat and its rubber hat, and thus protected from the dashing spray patrols the beach in anticipation of the excitement of a wreck. The seashore resident is extremely fond of a shipwreck. Such an accident gives him something to see, something to break the winter monotony, and something to talk about until the next summer's guests begin to arrive, and then something to tell the visitors about. The average citizen will cheerfully arise in the dead of night, while the rain is pouring in floods and the tempest madiy howling, and hasten down to the beach at the first hint of a wreek. Whether he goes to save or to see, it is a fact that he goes, and there is nothing that can make him run faster than the news that a vessel is being driven on the beaches. The Government should arrange to take the census of seashore towns at a time when there is a wreck on the beach; it would save time and trouble.

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When the steamship Irrawaddy stranded at Asbury Park recently there was a lively time. People came from all the neighboring towns to get a sight of the big ship lying on the sands, and the whole population of Asbury Park viewed it again and again. During the week that it lay there, the beach was relieved of its deserted aspect. Some of the town's inhabitants almost literally camped out on the fishing pier, so strong was the fascination of the scene. There is romance in a shipwreck, especially when it is about the only thing that happens in a whole winter.

Unless there is another wreck, the people of this big summer resort will have no further excitement until next summer, with its incoming crowds, its thousands of trunks and its various diversions, arrives and draws out the nails.

---ASBURY PARK PIONEERS.

THEY HAVE AN ANNUAL DINNER AND TALK OVER OLD TIMES. Asbury Park, Dec. 14 (Special).—The Pioneer So-

lety of Asbury Park held its annual banquet last Monday at the Grand Avenue Hotel. The society is composed of the surviving original settlers. Every year they hold a similar reunion, but since the for-mation of the society the 140 charter members have dwindled to less than half that number. A pleasant and original feature of the reunion was the reminiscences of the members. One man told how he had received an offer of a series of lots in Cookman, Bangs and Monroe aves, by Mr. Bradley

Cookman, Bangs and Monroe aves by Mr. Bradley for 150 each. He was to build dump wagons for the Founder in payment of the lots. The man had little faith, and falled to avail himself of the opportunity. These lots are now worth thousands of dollars, and are in the very heart of the city.

Anotheg member related his experience in an Ocean Grove tent the first night of his arrival. He felt something crawling over him during the night, jumping from one spot to another. He reached out his hand and grasped a live toad. Old, hoary-headed settlers told how they had to creep through the underbrush and pick their way through the forests where the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association grounds now are.

grounds now are.

About forty members sat down at the banquet, and the reunion proved to be one of the most interesting that has been held in many years.

DECORATING THE STATE HOUSE. Trenton, Dec. 14 (Special).-When Governor-elect

Griggs takes his seat he will find his private room handsomely decorated. John Bonnell, the custodian, has an artist at work in the State House, One of the improvements is the painting and decorating of the walls and ceiling of the corridor decorating of the walls and ceiling of the corrilor leading to the Assembly Chamber, to make it resemble the main carridor of the Capitol. The decarations are being done by hand and not by stencil. The designs are those of William E. Pedrick, the well-known artist, who painted the portrait of ex-Governor Abbett, now in the Executive Chamber, and also the "Battle of Trenton," which is conspleuously hung in the corridor. They include the seals of the Colonial Governors. The work of painting is being done by J. D. Margerum, of this city.

Asbury Park, Dec. 14.-Last night's high tide and trong wind caused thousands of dollars of damage to the board walk in Ocean-ave., at Ocean Grove, Two hundred yards of the walk were carried out to sea, in spite of the jettles that have been built

THE SEA DOES DAMAGE AT OCEAN GROVE,



this fall at a cost of several thousand dollars to prevent any further encroachment by the sea.

MAY SOON BE CLEARED UP.

THE MYSTERY OF MISS ROSS'S DEATH IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 14 (Special).-There is at a prospect of the Ross mystery being cleared up. The body of Miss Susan Ross was found in an

open field near Phillipsburg on November 2 Coroner Haggerty held what he termed an inquest and, according to his record, the jury found that an "unknown woman met her death through

an "unknown woman met her death through natural causes by reason of exposure." No attempt was made to have the body lientified, nor was anything done to ascertain that the woman had not been foully dealt with.

The body was exhumed and identified, through no effort of the Coroner, as that of the sister of John Ross, who lives in Harmony. Since then there has been camor for an investigation, but Coroner Haggery took no action. He did not even notify Prosecutor Stryker. The citizens of Philipsburg protested, and, at their instance, Mayor Perdoe this afternoon invoked the aid of the Prosecutor. Mr. Stryker immediately put a skilled detective on the case.

Mr. Stryker inhadiately the case. It has been learned that Miss Ross was at the Lee House, in Phillipsburg, several days before her death. She displayed a large roll of bills, none of which was found with the body. Near where the corpse was found was a package of arsenic, but it was dry and unopened, while the woman's clothes were wet from recent rains.

THE SUMMIT POSTOFFICE ROBBERS? FOUR ARMED MEN CARRYING POSTAGE STAMPS ARRESTED NEAR PATERSON.

Paterson policemen made a raid on a camp of armed tramps yesterday forenoon on the shore of the Passaic River, opposite the Riverside section of the city, and captured four men who, it to thought may be the burglars who opened the safe of the Summit postofiles recently, and secured about \$7,000 in stamps and cash. Officers Lord, Titus and Taylor were looking for some boys wanted for petty offences, when they noticed four men ounging under the abutment of the Susquehanne Railroad bridge, across the stream, and a fifth cooking something over a campfire. The policement quietly went across the nearest bridge and confronted the "hoboes." One of them, whom the bluecoats immediately recognized as William Mofthe summer time the residents have no time to lance. Their dance comes later. There are several sublic and private halls where "grand balls" and eceptions are held at frequent intervals throughout he winter. There is the firemen's ball, the millary ball, the wheelmen's ball and divers others, to there as in nearly every town and city, there is class or "set" that has risen above the surface, and has been scraped off, like cream, and put into a separate dish. This set has its own exclusive club separate dish. This set has its own exclusive club the separate dish. With the balls and the church ociables and the fairs, the young people ind plenty of divertion.

bluecoats immentally man, well known in Paterston, it is a desperate young man, well known in Paterston, pulled a revolver, but Officer Taylor covered him promptly with a six-shooter and made him drop the weapon. Another of the tramps was also seen to be fumbling in his pocket, as if to draw a pistol. One of the men managed to run away. The other to the police station, where each was found to have plenty of cash and a large assortment of new postage stamps on his person. Moffitts three companions gave their names as Joseph Cummings, of Connell, residences retused. The prisotices were fitt, a desperate young man, well known in Pater-One of the men managed to run away. The other four, including Mofflit, were arrested and marched to the police station, where each was found to have pienty of cash and a large assortment of new postage stamps on his person. Mofflit's three companions gave their names as Joseph Cummings, of Scranton, Penn., and John Brown and George O'Connell, residences refused. The prisoners were committed to the Passaic County Jail by Recorder Senior as vagrants, and an effort will be made to learn more about them. Mofflit was lately discharged from a five-years' term in the New-Jersey State Prison for robbery.

A WARNING FROM THE NEWARK UNION. POLICE COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE SUNDAY PRODUCTION OF "DR. PARKHURST."

Each of the Newark Police Commissioners ceived yesterday the following communication from the Christian Citizenship Union:

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Dear Sir: A flaming poster, thirty inches high by twenty inches wide, announcing a theatrical show in Krueger's Auditorium on Sunday, December 15, the subject of the performance being entitled "Dr. Parkhurst," has been distributed. You probably know that such an exhibition, if given, will be in violation of law. A patient public has waited a long time for the Police Commissioners to make good their promises to stop this sort of performance on Sundays. These shows are usually accompanied by features even more objectionable than the exhibitions themseives. A copy of this note will be received by each member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

On behalf of the Christian Citizenship Union.

S. EDWARD YOUNG, Fresident.

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The Police Commissioners and officials declined to any yesterday what they would do in the matter, There were reiterations, however, that the Sunday laws would be more strictly enforced to-day than formerly. The play advertised is to be given by the twelve actors of the Germania Theatre Company, of New-York, under the direction of Adolph Phillip. The manager of the Auditorium said yesterday he had not as yet received notice that the performance would not be permitted. He knew nothing of the character of the play. The theatre, he said, was leased for Sunday night performances by Adolph Phillip, of the Germania Theatre, New-York, whose contract expires on April 20 next. Phillip has been losing money and has wanted to break the contract for some time, and it is thought by Mr. Stears that he is aiming to have the performance forbidden, so that the contract will be vitilited.

The pastors of all the Methodist churches and several other churches will preach special sermons to-day on the Sunday saloon question, and in some of the churches the people will be asked to express their views by a vote at the close of the services. twelve actors of the Germania Theatre Company, of

NEWARK REAL ESTATE AGENT IN TROUBLE. Frank J. Beyer, a real estate agent, of No. 129 Springfield-ave., Newark, is under \$5,000 ball for transactions in a real estate deal covering several properties in Newark. The charges against Beyer are made by Miss Caroline Select, a daughter of the late Albert Feller. Miss Feller declares that she has been cheated out of about \$4.00. Beyer was arraigned before Justice Rapp yesterday, and the hearing was postponed until next Wednesday.

AT THE CARNIVAL BALL, Zuleika-How glum you are looking, Georga, What are you thinking of? Lieutenant, R. N.-To-morrowi-(Fun Almanac,

the Hudson River and ballasted them with rock from the Palisades. Then came the trap block pavement people, who were attracted to the Pallsades by the superiority of the stone and the -- ady means for transportation. But the improvements in explosives and in stone-crushing machinery and the growing demand for broken stone of great durability, for concrete and for macadamizing roads, made the attacks on the Palisades more vigorous, and their mutilation for commercial gain made rapid strides. Several plants have been established be-tween Fort Lee and Piermont which are devoted to the stripping of the slope and demolition of the cliffs. The operations of these stone-breaking plants are not only destroying the beauty of the cliffs and defacing the scenery, but they are the source of much annoyance to the people on both sides of the river, but particularly to those on the east shore, between New-York and Tarrytown. Biasting goes on conthually, and with every discharge of dynamite a part of the wall or its lower framework is torn away, and the muffled sound of the explosion and the tumbling of the rocks made mournful schoes

along the cliffs and across the frembling water. There are now four quarries in operation, and they have already done irreparable injury to the face of the Pallsades. At one place, about a mile above Fort Lee, at the Carpenter quarry, the face has been destroyed for a distance of about one-quarter of a mile. Another point where serious inroads have been made is opposite Riverdale, where the face has not suffered so much, but where the slope has been mutilated and where the blasting still continues. It is only a question of time when the workprease with

BLOOMFIELD.

Mrs. Harry E. Richards, who trained the club. The romantic drama, "Under Two Flags," was well presented by the Dramatic Club of the Young Men's Catholic Union, at Union Hail, on Wednes day and Thursday nights. Those who took part were Joseph A Duer Frank F. Dailey, Daniel J. Brady, Charles J. During, Leo Hanan, Frank Smith;

The second subscription assembly will take place in Central Hall on New Year's Eve.

night.
A rag doll-baby tea was given in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church on Monday tilated and where the blasting still continues. It might.

Mrs. Idabelle S. Cress, a prominent soloist, will beyond the slope, and then the face proper will sing at the Y. M. C. A's meeting this afternoon.

which in the ice period, came from the est and scoured the summit of the range now A PASSAIC EDITOR CREATES A SENSATION WHEN

face of the globe is there an example of twelve son Guardian," now an exceedingly valuable newsvertical cliffs of basalt of 300 to 550 feet paper property, but to-day he is working harder the banks of a mighty river and within than he ever did trying to keep affect "The Passalc eary access of 4,000,000 people. It is not only an object lesson in geology, but a picture of magnificent more than sixty years, and yet he has the energy

any access of 4,000,000 people. It is not only accessing a composition of the control of the con years ago, when matter-of-fact men, who were not him from tiful blue Danube, the Thames with its modern embankments and the Seine with its artistic bridges, all have their attractive features, but none has a shore line direct from the hand of the Divine Architect, and to which man can do nothing by way of improvement, like that formed by the Palisades.

And this is the creation which, unless active steps or taken to prevent, will soon be mutilated beyond



THE DEBRIS AT COYTESVILLE.

this formation elsewhere in this country

sing the Giant's Causeway, on the Irish

There are trap cliffs in this country in th

late the cliffs for material gain.

VIEW TWO MILES ABOVE FORT LEE, SHOWING HOW THE HEIGHT OF THE PAL-ISADES HAS BEEN REDUCED BY BLASTING.

redemption. It was put to base uses for years as a background for advertising signs, but the desecration to which it is now being subjected is even more serious. The first to break away stone from the cliff were the owners of sailing vessels who brought large cargoes to this country, but had no American products to take back. They took their ships up the Hudson River and ballasted them with rock the Hudson River and ballasted them with rock to take back.

At Central Hall, on Wednesday night, the Dramatic Club produced the first play of the season, "Americans Abroad," by Victorien Sardou. Those in the cast were: Joseph D. Gallagher, Kenneth G. Duffield, H. C. Nash, G. Lee Stout, jr., Alfred

Butler Van Liew, Dr. Nelson M. Chitterting, Mrs. Van Liew, Miss Bessie M. Fisens, Miss Josephine E. Cook, Miss Helen Tappin, Mrs. George R. Mac-Donald, Miss E. Estelie Newton, Miss Corinne Holt and Miss Margaret Johnstone. The play was exceptionally well rendered, and great credit is due

Miss Minnie Kelly, Miss M. Rudolph, Miss Teresa Quinn and Miss Mamie Woods.

The Madrigal Society will give its fall concert in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday